

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic apparatus comprising:

a program storing section for storing a first program for controlling basic operations of said electronic apparatus, and a second program that is accessed in said first program so as to control an additional operation of said electronic apparatus;

a control section for implementing a desired operation by executing only said first program, or both said first and second programs; and

a system managing section that, in response to a releasing key operation that renders the additional operation implementable, makes said second program accessible in said first program.

2. The electronic apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said releasing key is produced using at least information peculiar to said apparatus.

3. The electronic apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said electronic apparatus is connected with a managing side via a wide-area network; and

the releasing key operation is carried out by the managing side by remote control.

4. The electronic apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said program storing section stores a plurality of second programs; and

with respect to a certain combination of said second programs, said system managing section renders said second programs implementable by only one releasing-key operation.

5. An electronic apparatus comprising:

a program storing section for storing a first program for controlling basic operations of said electronic apparatus, and a second program that cooperates with at least a part of said first program so as to implement an additional operation of said electronic apparatus; and

a system managing section that, in response to a releasing key operation that renders the additional operation implementable, makes said second program accessible.

6. The electronic apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein said releasing key is produced using at least information peculiar to said apparatus.

7. The electronic apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein:

said electronic apparatus is connected with a managing side via a wide-area network; and

the releasing key operation is carried out by the managing side by remote control.

8. The electronic apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein:

said program storing section stores a plurality of second programs; and

with respect to a certain combination of said second programs, said system managing section renders said second programs implementable by only one releasing-key operation.

9. A management system for managing an electronic apparatus, said electronic apparatus including:

a program storing section for storing a first program for controlling basic operations of said electronic apparatus, and a second program that is accessible in said first program and controls an additional operation of said electronic apparatus;

a control section for implementing a

desired operation by executing only said first program, or both said first and second programs; and

a system managing section that, in response to a releasing key operation, makes said second program accessible by said first program,

said management system comprising a key issuing section on a managing side, said key issuing section issuing said releasing key upon confirming that a predetermined procedure has been conducted by a user side.

10. The management system as set forth in claim 9, wherein said releasing key is produced using at least information peculiar to said apparatus.

11. The electronic apparatus as set forth in claim 9, wherein:

said electronic apparatus is connected with a managing side via a wide-area network; and

said key issuing section carries out the releasing key operation of said system managing section by remote control.

12. The management system as set forth in claim 9, wherein, on said managing side, said key issuing section issues said releasing key in response to entrance into a use contract or payment of a use fee.

13. The management system as set forth in claim 9, wherein history information relating to said issuance of a releasing key is managed by said managing side.

14. The management system as set forth in claim 9, wherein:

said program storing section stores a plurality of second programs; and

with respect to a certain combination of said second programs, said system managing section renders said second programs implementable by only one releasing-key operation.

15. A management system for managing an electronic apparatus, said electronic apparatus including:

a program storing section for storing a first program for controlling basic operations of said electronic apparatus, and a second program that cooperates with at least a part of said first program so as to implement an

additional operation of said electronic apparatus; and

a system managing section that, in response to a releasing key operation, makes said second program accessible,

said management system comprising a key issuing section on a managing side, said key issuing section issuing said releasing key upon confirming that a predetermined procedure has been conducted by a user side.

16. The management system as set forth in claim 15, wherein said releasing key is produced using at least information peculiar to said apparatus.

17. The electronic apparatus as set forth in claim 15, wherein:

said electronic apparatus is connected with a managing side via a wide-area network; and

said key issuing section carries out the releasing key operation of said system managing section by remote control.

18. The management system as set forth in claim 15, wherein, on said managing side, said key issuing section

issues said releasing key in response to entrance into a use contract or payment of a use fee.

19. The management system as set forth in claim 15, wherein history information relating to said issuance of a releasing key is managed by said managing side.

20. The management system as set forth in claim 15, wherein:

said program storing section stores a plurality of second programs; and

with respect to a certain combination of said second programs, said system managing section renders said second programs implementable by only one releasing-key operation.